

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A) and a flame retardant (B), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

$$30 \leq W_1 < 55.5$$

$$44.5 < X_1 \leq 70$$

wherein  $W_1$  is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A) and  $X_1$  is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of ~~0.2%~~ 0.18% by mass or less.

2. (Currently amended) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A), a flame retardant (B) and an aromatic ring-containing compound (C), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

$$25 \leq W_2 < 55.5$$

$$39.5 \leq X_2 \leq 70$$

$$0.5 \leq Y \leq 20$$

wherein  $W_2$  is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A),  $X_2$  is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B), and  $Y$  is the percentage by mass of the aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is

composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of ~~0.2%~~ 0.18% by mass or less.

3. (Currently amended) A flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition comprising at least a plant-derived resin (A), a flame retardant (B), an aromatic ring-containing compound (C) and a nucleating agent (D), wherein the weight proportions of the individual components in the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition are:

$$25 \leq W_3 < 55.5$$

$$29.5 \leq X_3 \leq 70$$

$$0.5 \leq Y \leq 20$$

$$0.05 < Z \leq 20$$

wherein  $W_3$  is the percentage by mass of the plant-derived resin (A),  $X_3$  is the percentage by mass of the flame retardant (B),  $Y$  is the percentage by mass of the aromatic ring-containing compound (C), and  $Z$  is the percentage by mass of the nucleating agent (D), and 90% by mass or more of the flame retardant (B) is composed of a metal hydrate containing an alkali metal-based substance in an amount of ~~0.2%~~ 0.18% by mass or less.

4. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to Claim 2, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and boron compounds.

5. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.

6. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

7. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

8. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to Claim 3, wherein the aromatic ring-containing compound (C) is a compound selected from the group consisting of phenols, silicone compounds and boron compounds.

9. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.

10. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.

11. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, wherein the plant-derived resin (A) is a polylactic acid resin.

12. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

13. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

14. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

15. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5, further comprising a drip-proof agent (E) in a weight proportion of 1% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

16. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 2, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

17. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 3, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

18. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 4, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

19. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 5, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.

20. (Previously presented) The flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 6, further comprising a high-strength fiber (F) in a weight proportion of 10% by mass or less to the total mass of the flame-retardant thermoplastic resin composition.